REGULATION No. X OF 1894.

(PASSED ON THE 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1894.)

A Regulation to Prevent Infant Marriages in the Territories of Mysore.

Whereas it is expedient to prevent infant marriages in the territories of Mysore; His Highness the Maharaja is pleased to enact as follows:— Preamble.

1. This Regulation may be called "The Mysore Infant Marriages Prevention Regulation." Short title.

(2) It shall extend to the whole of the territories of Mysore, but it shall apply only to marriages among the Hindus. It shal come into operation at the expiration of six months from the date of its publication in the official Gazette. Extent and commencement.

2. For the purposes of this Regulation, an "infant girl" means a girl who has not completed eight years of age. Definition.

3. Any person who causes the marriage of an infant girl, or who knowingly aids and abets within the meaning of the Indian Penal Code such a marriage, and any man who having completed eighteen years of age marries an infant girl, shall be punished with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine, or with both. Punishment for causing or abetting infant marriages.

4. Any man who having completed fifty years of age marries a girl who has not completed fourteen years of age, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both. Punishment of a man above fifty years marrying a girl under fourteen.

5. Any person who causes the marriage of a girl who has not completed fourteen years of age, with a man who has completed fifty years of age, and any person who knowingly aids and abets, within the meaning of the Indian Penal Code, such a marriage, shall be punished with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine, or with both. Punishment for abetment of offence provided against in section 4.

Sections 6-8.

Offences under the Regulation by whom triable.

6. No offence punishable under this Regulation shall be tried by any Court inferior to that of a Magistrate of the District.

Validity of marriages not to be affected by reason of the penalties provided.

7. No marriage which has actually taken place, shall be deemed to be invalid on the ground of the penalties provided by this Regulation.

No prosecution to be instituted without the previous sanction of Government.

8. No prosecution under this Regulation shall be instituted without the previous written sanction of the Government accorded after such enquiry as the Government may deem fit to make.